



Chapter 5A

Washington State University Pullman Enrollment Highlights

Introduction

Washington State University (WSU) Pullman is one of the largest residential universities west of the Mississippi. Nearly one-half of the students in Pullman live in university housing, fraternities, or sororities. The academic structure includes ten colleges and a graduate school.

The Fall 2000 enrollment for WSU Pullman was 17,848 students, or 17,915 FTEs. (See the university enrollment history in Table 15.) Beginning in Fall 1996, WSU Pullman enrollments also include students enrolled in Distance Degree Programs (DDP).

Access and Participation Rates

The Pullman campus draws the majority of its enrollment from throughout the state. Four counties – King, Spokane, Pierce, and Whitman – account for nearly 36 percent of all students attending the Pullman campus. (See Table 16 and Figure 6.)

Service Levels and Student Flow

Washington State University Pullman has historically had a higher share of its students enter directly from high school and is, therefore, characterized by a young student body. For the Fall 2000 semester, the average high school GPA of regularly admitted students was 3.43. The retention rate has been among the highest in the state, accounting for 78% percent of the previous spring total enrollment. (See Table 17.) The vast majority of WSU students are fully enrolled and students tend to carry heavy academic loads.

Off-Campus Programs

Intercollegiate College of Nursing

The Intercollegiate College of Nursing (ICN), located in Spokane, was established in 1968 and is a consortium of eastern Washington institutions (WSU, Eastern Washington University, Whitworth College and Gonzaga University). The Center provides nursing education to 452 students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. More than one-half of the students are enrolled as WSU students. Approximately 16 percent of the WSU ICN students are graduate students. The ICN delivers programs to Vancouver, Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, and Yakima through the use of Washington Higher Education Telecommunication System (WHETS) and commuting faculty. Students attending the ICN are drawn from all over eastern Washington with the majority coming from Spokane and Yakima Counties. About 80 percent of ICN students are full-time students and 57 percent are at least 25 years of age.

Distance Degree Programs

Distance Degree Programs (DDP) deliver selected degree programs, and semester-based and flexible enrollment (correspondence) credit courses through distance learning technologies to adult learners in the state of Washington and around the world. (Up to 25 percent of the credits for a WSU baccalaureate degree may be taken through flexible enrollment courses.) Currently DDP enables the College of Liberal Arts to deliver a BA in Social Sciences and Criminal Justice, the College of Agriculture and Home Economics to deliver a BA in Human Development and a BS in Agriculture, and the College of Business and Economics to deliver a BA in Business Administration.

Conferences and Institutes

Conferences and Professional Programs (CAPPS) plans and conducts noncredit programs, including conferences, seminars, trade shows, craft fairs, and vocational schools at sites throughout the state of Washington and beyond. Offices are located in Pullman, Puyallup and Olympia. Clients include business and industrial firms, government agencies, schools, professional associations and others interested in increasing their knowledge and professional competencies. CAPPS also conducts programs for faculty development within WSU, develops and administers online training programs, and produces national teleconferences on issues of importance to higher education institutions and the communities in which they reside.

Washington Higher Education Telecommunication System

Washington Higher Education Telecommunication System (WHETS) was constructed in 1983-84 and offered its first courses in 1985. The interactive microwave system allows courses to be broadcast simultaneously to several campus sites. The system serves Pullman, three branch campuses (WSU Spokane, WSU Tri-Cities, and WSU Vancouver), and to sites in Aberdeen, Colville, Goldendale, Longview, Port Hadlock, Puyallup, Walla Walla, Wenatchee and Yakima. In addition, the system can interact with other video networks for delivery of courses and meetings to other sites within Washington, across the U.S. and internationally. It has grown from a total of 14 WSU courses delivered in 1985-86 to 250 courses in 2000-2001. Course enrollments have grown over the same period from 103 to over 7000 students.

WHETS allows off-campus locations to offer a much broader array of courses and programs than if they were dependent on resident faculty for course delivery. The augmentation to resident faculty courses ranges from 20 percent to 40 percent of courses being delivered via WHETS.

Table 15
Washington State University Pullman
Annual Average and Fall Headcount Enrollment and FTEs
1970-71 through 2000-01

	Annual Average		Fall Quarter	
	Headcount	FTEs	Headcount	FTEs
1970-71	14,221	14,182	14,510	13,902
1971-72	14,098	14,075	14,463	13,971
1972-73	14,150	14,378	14,529	13,966
1973-74	14,408	14,532	14,733	14,075
1974-75	15,324	15,351	15,613	14,886
1975-76	15,911	16,014	16,184	15,614
1976-77	16,479	16,467	16,693	16,688
1977-78	16,383	16,338	16,665	16,755
1978-79	16,316	16,150	16,679	16,430
1979-80	16,469	16,670	16,748	16,968
1980-81	17,007	17,266	17,236	17,534
1981-82	16,387	16,682	16,826	16,061
1982-83	16,231	16,382	16,565	16,705
1983-84	15,970	16,035	16,261	16,288
1984-85	15,980	15,951	16,305	16,307
1985-86	15,584	15,691	15,928	16,087
1986-87	15,417	15,599	15,888	15,899
1987-88	15,499	15,650	16,083	16,186
1988-89	15,534	15,644	16,108	16,587
1989-90	15,788	16,040	16,186	16,385
1990-91	15,701	15,992	16,523	16,787
1991-92	15,341	15,565	15,838	16,107
1992-93	15,334	15,661	15,781	16,122
1993-94	15,827	16,223	16,368	16,713
1994-95	16,037	16,555	16,588	17,096
1995-96	16,199	16,853	16,737	17,349
1996-97	16,589	16,852	17,087	17,368
1997-98	16,437	16,821	17,066	17,389
1998-99	16,743	17,226	17,404	17,898
1999-00	17,020	16,985	17,636	17,619
2000-01	17,266	17,232	17,848	17,915

NOTES:

The Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education and Seattle Center for Hotel and Restaurant Administration programs are included. Tri-Cities University Center and WSU Tri-Cities enrollments are shown in a separate table. Beginning Fall 1989-90, WSU Spokane and WSU Vancouver enrollments are also shown in a separate table.

SOURCE: Higher Education Enrollment Report (HEER).

Table 16

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Washington State University Pullman County Participation Rates, Fall 2000

County	2000 Pop Age 17+	Fall 2000 Enr.	Part. Rates	County	2000 Pop Age 17+	Fall 2000 Enr.	Part. Rates	Desc. Rank
Adams	11,113	96	0.864	Whitman	34,385	910	2.647	1
Asotin	15,615	144	0.922	Lincoln	7,755	77	0.993	2
Benton	102,453	772	0.754	Columbia	3,150	30	0.952	3
Chelan	49,018	210	0.428	Garfield	1,816	17	0.936	4
* Clallam	51,255	150	0.293	Asotin	15,615	144	0.922	5
* Clark	251,228	762	0.303	Adams	11,113	96	0.864	6
Columbia	3,150	30	0.952	Benton	102,453	772	0.754	7
* Cowlitz	69,408	230	0.331	Stevens	29,243	177	0.605	8
Douglas	23,520	123	0.523	Franklin	33,172	191	0.576	9
Ferry	5,448	26	0.477	Pend Oreille	8,824	47	0.533	10
Franklin	33,172	191	0.576	Douglas	23,520	123	0.523	11
Garfield	1,816	17	0.936	Grant	52,068	271	0.520	12
Grant	52,068	271	0.520	Walla Walla	42,594	214	0.502	13
Grays Harbor	50,972	226	0.443	Spokane	317,017	1,574	0.497	14
* Island	54,262	109	0.201	Ferry	5,448	26	0.477	15
* Jefferson	21,119	54	0.256	* Grays Harbor	50,972	226	0.443	16
* King	1,368,040	2,954	0.216	Chelan	49,018	210	0.428	17
* Kitsap	173,339	451	0.260	Klickitat	14,263	61	0.428	18
Kittitas	27,151	97	0.357	Okanogan	29,245	121	0.414	19
Klickitat	14,263	61	0.428	Yakima	155,550	631	0.406	20
* Lewis	51,506	158	0.307	Kittitas	27,151	97	0.357	21
Lincoln	7,755	77	0.993	* Thurston	158,009	564	0.357	22
* Mason	38,491	67	0.174	* Cowlitz	69,408	230	0.331	23
Okanogan	29,245	121	0.414	* Lewis	51,506	158	0.307	24
* Pacific	16,769	43	0.256	* Clark	251,228	762	0.303	25
Pend Oreille	8,824	47	0.533	* Wahkiakum	2,981	9	0.302	26
* Pierce	520,806	1,299	0.249	* Clallam	51,255	150	0.293	27
* San Juan	11,527	19	0.165	* Skagit	77,482	212	0.274	28
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* Skamania	7,400	17	0.230	* Pacific	16,769	43	0.256	30
* Snohomish	448,524	933	0.208	* Jefferson	21,119	54	0.256	31
Spokane	317,017	1,574	0.497	* Pierce	520,806	1,299	0.249	32
Stevens	29,243	177	0.605	* Skamania	7,400	17	0.230	33
* Thurston	158,009	564	0.357	* King	1,368,040	2,954	0.216	34
* Wahkiakum	2,981	9	0.302	* Snohomish	448,524	933	0.208	35
Walla Walla	42,594	214	0.502	* Island	54,262	109	0.201	36
* Whatcom	129,356	247	0.191	* Whatcom	129,356	247	0.191	37
Whitman	34,385	910	2.647	* Mason	38,491	67	0.174	38
Yakima	155,550	631	0.406	* San Juan	11,527	19	0.165	39
Washington Total	4,465,872	14,293	0.320	Washington Total	4,465,872	14,293	0.320	
Out-of-State U.S.		2,392		Out-of-State U.S.		2,392		
Foreign		1,163		Foreign		1,163		
Total		17,848		Total		17,848		
* West of the	3,502,474	8,504	0.243					
East of the	963,398	5,789	0.601					

NOTE:

These are participation rates of enrolled students who applied from within the state of Washington by county.

Source: Enrollment data is from Fall 2000 HEER. Population data is from OFM.

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Table 17
Washington State University Pullman
Student Flow: Fall 1985 through Fall 2000¹

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Freshman Entrance	2,338	2,420	2,435	2,343	2,602	2,250	1,878	2,054	2,448	2,519	2,535	2,268	2,288	2,984	2,483	2,203
Washington High School	2,068	2,178	2,159	2,075	2,301	1,977	1,543	1,701	2,016	2,053	2,131	1,917	1,951	2,673	2,237	1,868
High School Senior Previous Fall	57,410	57,034	59,930	61,607	60,912	56,484	54,388	55,659	56,617	58,590	61,112	62,720	65,346	68,242	69,373	72,131
Percent	3.60	3.82	3.60	3.37	3.78	3.50	2.84	3.06	3.56	3.50	3.49	3.06	2.99	3.92	3.22	2.59
Out of State High School	270	242	276	268	301	273	335	353	432	456	404	351	337	311	246	335
WSU Pullman Fall Headcount	15,928	15,888	16,083	16,108	16,243	16,523	15,838	15,781	16,368	16,588	16,737	17,087	17,066	17,404	17,636	17,848
Percent	1.70	1.52	1.72	1.66	1.85	1.65	2.12	2.24	2.64	2.75	2.41	2.05	1.97	1.79	1.39	1.88
Transfer	1,989	2,211	2,314	2,214	2,289	2,195	2,303	2,234	2,525	2,530	2,384	2,625	2,350	2,377	1,794	1,971
Washington Community Colleges	720	783	927	829	1,054	979	965	917	1,074	1,134	1,036	1,216	1,066	1,114	848	900
CC Academic AA FTE ²	38,199	38,303	39,390	39,693	34,611	40,665	41,274	43,656	44,308	47,089	47,972	47,972	46,090	44,772	45,419	46,427
Percent	1.88	2.04	2.35	2.09	3.05	2.41	2.34	2.10	2.42	2.41	2.16	2.53	2.31	2.49	1.87	0.93
Washington Four-Year Institution	426	678	602	608	483	433	474	456	566	647	621	646	632	607	280	224
Public Four-Year Previous Spring	69,093	69,775	69,331	69,273	70,290	72,149	73,340	73,960	75,404	77,657	78,250	78,856	80,857	81,065	82,606	86,995
Percent	0.62	0.97	0.87	0.88	0.69	0.60	0.65	0.62	0.75	0.83	0.79	0.82	0.78	0.75	0.34	0.26
Out of State Institution	843	750	785	777	752	783	864	861	885	749	727	763	652	656	666	847
WSU Pullman Fall Headcount	15,928	15,888	16,083	16,108	16,243	16,523	15,838	15,781	16,368	16,588	16,737	17,087	17,066	17,404	17,636	17,848
Percent	5.29	4.72	4.88	4.82	4.63	4.74	5.46	5.46	5.41	4.52	4.34	4.47	3.82	3.77	3.78	4.75
Continuing Student	10,939	10,645	10,829	10,948	10,679	11,572	11,165	11,095	10,988	11,197	11,504	11,728	12,042	11,644	12,830	12,820
Continuing Student	10,939	10,645	10,829	10,948	10,679	11,572	11,165	11,095	10,988	11,197	11,504	11,728	12,042	11,644	12,830	12,820
WSU Pullman Previous Spring	15,928	15,888	16,083	16,108	16,243	16,523	15,838	15,781	14,889	15,292	15,486	15,660	16,090	15,807	16,082	16,403
Percent Retained	68.68	67.00	67.33	67.97	65.75	70.04	70.50	70.31	73.87	73.22	74.29	74.89	74.84	73.66	79.78	78.16
Other Entrance	662	612	505	603	616	506	492	398	397	352	314	466	386	399	529	854
Former Student	492	609	503	603	616	506	492	398	396	352	314	466	386	399	412	540
Unknown	170	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	117	314
Total Fall Headcount	15,928	15,888	16,083	16,108	16,186	16,523	15,838	15,781	16,368	16,588	16,737	17,087	17,066	17,404	17,636	17,848
Total AA FTEs	15,691	15,599	15,650	15,645	16,040	15,992	15,565	15,661	16,223	16,014	16,853	16,852	16,821	17,226	16,985	17,232

NOTES:

¹Includes Seattle Center Hotel and Restaurant Administration Program. Does not include the Tri-Cities University Center enrollment shown in a separate table. WSU Spokane and Vancouver are shown in separate tables, programs started Fall 1989.

²Beginning 1994, figures include Technical Colleges from SBCTC Management Information System (MIS).

CC = Community College

AA = Annual Average

SOURCE: Higher Education Enrollment Report (HEER).

Figure 5
**Washington State University Tacoma
 County Participation Rates, Fall 1998**

